

# **12 FAH-7 H-700 PROGRAM COVERAGE FOR AGENCY AND/OR FACILITY AND/OR PERSONNEL**

## **12 FAH-7 H-710 CHIEF OF MISSION (COM)**

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### **12 FAH-7 H-711 COM AUTHORITY**

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a. The President's Letter of Instruction to ambassadors and section 207 (22 U.S.C 3927) of the Foreign Service Act of 1980, (Pub. L. 96-465) gives COMs ultimate responsibility for the security of employees, dependents and official facilities under their control. The President's letter states in part: the Secretary of State and, by extension, COMs abroad must protect all U.S. Government personnel on official duty abroad (other than those under the command of a U.S. area military commander) and their accompanying dependents. The President's letter also expects COMs to take direct responsibility for the security of their mission. The COM and post management, including the RSO and/or PSO, must ensure that all those under COM authority, regardless of agency affiliation, receive equitable security protection.

b. Section 103 of the Diplomatic Security Act, (Pub. L. 99-399) authorizes the Secretary of State to set security standards for all personnel under COM authority, including military personnel not under the command of a military area commander.

### **12 FAH-7 H-712 THROUGH H-719 UNASSIGNED**